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REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 15 were previously cancelled and Claims 14, 21 and 26 have been amended herein to further clarify the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims and remarks presented herein overcome the Examiner's rejections in the Final Office Action dated November 26, 2003 in the parent application. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the Final Rejection in the present case and to allow pending Claims 14 and 16-31.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to FIG. 1 and FIG. 3 because the figures show that the memory is part of the clipboard while the claim language suggests that the clipboard is part of the memory. Applicant hereby submits a proposed drawing correction, as requested by the Examiner. As illustrated, the clipboard is now part of the memory in the switching device in both figures. Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the figures merely illustrate the invention conceptually and that nothing in the specification limits the various embodiments of the invention to the illustrated arrangements. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to accept the proposed drawing changes and to withdraw the objection to FIG. 1 and FIG. 3.

35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 14, 18-26 and 29-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5, 583, 861 ("Holden"). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection and submits that Claims 14, 18-26 and 29-31 are not anticipated by Holden.

Holden describes an Asynchronous Transfer Mode ("ATM") switch, used in telecommunications systems which require real-time routing and switching of digitized cells of data. The claimed invention, on the other hand, describes a unified clipboard memory for a peripheral sharing device, wherein a first user command causes data to be transferred from a first device to the clipboard, and a second user command causes the data to be transferred from the clipboard to a second device. Holden does not disclose

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this type of functionality. Instead, the sections of Holden highlighted by the Examiner describe a cell buffer in an ATM switching element that is used to temporarily store and queue data cells being transmitted through the switching element (Holden, Col. 5, lines 58 – 61). The implication of the term “transmitted” is that the data cells are being routed through the ATM switch during the transmission from a first device to a second device.

In contrast, the present invention as claimed in amended independent Claims 14, 21 and 26, and dependant Claims 18-20, 22-25 and 29-31, does not “transmit” data from one device to another. In the presently claimed invention, as previously described, data may be explicitly transferred from a first device to a memory in a switching device, and explicitly transferred from the memory to a second device. The switching system described in Holden does not teach or suggest explicitly transferring data from one device into the cell buffer of the ATM switch and/or explicitly transferring data from the cell buffer to a second device. Holden therefore does not anticipate Claims 14, 18-26 and 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection to the claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 16-17 and 27-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holden in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,347,087 (“Ganesh”). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner’s rejection and submits that neither Holden nor Ganesh, alone or in combination, render Claims 16-17 and 27-28 unpatentable. Claims 16 – 17 are dependant on independent Claim 14 while Claims 27 – 28 are dependant on independent Claim 26. As previously described, Holden does not anticipate independent Claims 14 and 26, and/or any claims dependant on Claims 14 and 26 because Holden does not teach or suggest explicitly transferring data from one device into the cell buffer of the ATM switch and/or explicitly transferring data from the cell buffer to a second device. The addition of Ganesh to Holden also does not render independent claims 14 and 26, and dependant Claims 16-17 and 27-28, unpatentable. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection to Claims 16-17 and 27-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

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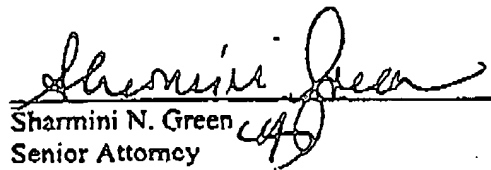
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that pending Claims 14 and 16 - 31 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the Final Rejection in this case and issue an early Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 406-2362.

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Respectfully submitted,

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